

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 13, 2013 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on November 13, 2013. Board Vice President Luke Beggin presided and called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Members Present: Judy Barney Jill Collin
 Barb Green Jim Bielen
 Scott Haugh Luke Beggin

Members Absent: Teresa Hines

Also present was Library Director Carole Dickerson and Library Supervisors Pat Vorwald, and Anna Doyle.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Collin moved and Judy Barney seconded to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Barb Green moved and Jill Collin seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports. Motion carried.

LIBRARY LEVY – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Vice President Luke Beggin explained to the board the levy spreadsheets included in the board packet. The finance committee's recommendation is to not levy for anymore as we are at the maximum amount that we can receive. Jill Collin made a motion to accept the levy for General Operations of 1,153,187; Unemployment of 5,000; FICA/Med of 50,000; and Liability Insurance for 42,500 for a total 1,250,687. Barb Green seconded, a roll call was taken. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dickerson expressed her thanks to Deputy Chief of Police Jim Drehoble for his help with an individual who leaves his belonging at the library.

“Freeport library looks to future,” reads a front-page article in the Friday, November 8 *Journal Standard*. The article was written by Rockford Star Reporter Isaac Guerrero, who is spending a couple of days a week in Freeport now that Jane Lethlean is only doing occasional work for the on the paper.

Director Dickerson told of the end of the Local Fall History Lecture and Writer's Series ended with a reading from Thompson Brandt on October 30. Dickerson told the board of the upcoming Insight

magazine where therapy dog Harry Schmidt will be featured on the cover. The magazine article coincides with FHN's Casino Royale coming up soon to raise funds for a therapy dog program at FHN.

STAFF REPORTS

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald thanked the board for allowing her to attend the Illinois Library Association (ILA) conference in Chicago during October. It was a great conference, where she signed up for e-read Illinois. This is another platform for e-books that will be available to patrons. She was also selected to be a part of the RAILS Resource Selection Committee.

Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle told the board how she enjoyed the ILA Conference and attended several children's programs. She told the board about a couple of her events that went well such as the Fall Photo Shoot and the Halloween party. She participated in the Early Childhood Consortium AOK dinner and session during the past month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Did not meet

Finance Committee: Did not meet

Building and Grounds Committee: Barb Green shared the information about the two quotes received for the wood ceiling on outside of building.

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Judy Barney told the board that Larry Pittsley, former board member would agree to again be a part of the board. She will be gone from January through March this year. She also told the board that she and Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman would be meeting to discuss the 10th Anniversary Celebration. There will be a Gallery Art Reception for Mia Rudolph on December 11 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Board Member Barb Green told the board about the Habitat for Humanity Store and its open hours of Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Friday from 10:00-1:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Scott Haugh moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., and Judy Barney seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary